



¶ By the King.

¶ A Proclamation declaring His Maiesties pleasure
touching Orders to be obserued for preuention of
dispersing the Plague.



He Kings Maiestie, finding that the infection of the Plague at this present hath begunne to breake forth in some places neare unto the City of London, and some other parts of the Kingdome, Out of his Princely and prouident care of the common good and safetie of his Dominions and people, by a timely vse of good meanes (accompanied with the blessing of Almighty God) to prevent the increasing and dispersing thereof, hath thought fit, with the aduise of his Priuie Councell, to declare His Royall Pleasure therein: And whereas in the time of the last Plague, there were diuers good Orders thought meet by His Maiestie and His Priuie Councell to be published with sundry good Rules, Preservatiues, and Directions against the Infection, His Maiesty is pleased that the same Orders, Rules, and Medicines shall be againe now published and renewed, together with some additions.

And doth therefore require and command all Justices of the Peace in every County, as well within Liberties as without, and all Maiors, Sheriffes, Baillifses, Constables, Headboroughs, and other his Officers, Ministers, and Subiects whasoever, to take knowledge of His Maiesties Royall will and Pleasure therein; And that every one of them in their severall places where the Infection is, or shall happen to be, doe vse all care and vtmost endeauour for the due and effectuall execution of the same: And to that end, His Maiesties expresse charge and command is, That all the said Justices of the Peace, as well within their severall Jurisdiccons as (if cause be) in places adiacent therunto, doe assenble together in some safe and meet places, to treat and consult amongst themselves, or with the Justices of neighbouring Countys or Liberties, where there shall bee cause, how the said Orders and Directions may be duely obserued, for the better preventing the dispersion and increasing of the Sicknesse, and for the Reliefe and well ordering of such, as are or shall be infected with the Plague, and to take account how the said Orders and Directions are from time to time performed, and the Offendors punished: So as no Neglect, Remisnesse, or Offence in that behalfe be suffered to passe without due correction and chastisement. And His Maiestie doth hereby further declare, that whosoever in this busynesse (so much importing himselfe, his Kingdome, and People) shall be found Remisse or Negligent, whether they be Maiors, Sheriffes, Justices of Peace, Baillifses, Constables, or other Officers, or persons of what degree, qualitie, or condition soever, must expect to receive such condigne punishment as by the strictest Lawes or Statutes of the Realme, or otherwise may be inflicted vpon them.

Giuen at Our Palace of VVestminster, the two and twentieth day of April, in the twelfth
yeere of Our Reigne.

¶ God sauе the King.

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